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Board of Equalization Launches Convenient Online Educational Seminar Packages *Online Classes Offer Quick, Easy, 24-hour Access to Help Businesses*

Jerome E. Horton, Vice Chairman of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), launched an innovative new package of online educational products to assist taxpayers as an alternative or enhancement to the in person seminars offered by BOE.

"This is one more online service that BOE offers, keeping this agency at the forefront in the use of technology," said Vice Chairman Horton.

These cost effective and convenient educational products include a complete online seminar package that enables taxpayers to get answers to the most commonly asked questions. The videos and PowerPoint presentations in the online seminars are designed to offer the same information as an in person class, but with the benefit of being available 24-hours a day. This enables taxpayers to access BOE information anytime, anyplace, and anywhere it's convenient for them. Seminar topics include how to start your business, how to grow your business, how to efile, cigarette and tobacco retailer information, and information for non-profit, exempt, and faith-based organizations. Information from BOE's partner agencies is also available online, including information from the Internal Revenue Service, Franchise Tax Board, Employment Development Department, and other local organizations.

Working with various state, federal, and local organizations, the BOE will continue to enhance these online educational resources and expand the library of tools available to taxpayers. Many of these helpful classes will also be available soon in other languages, such as Spanish, Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese.

For more information, visit the new BOE online seminar page at:
www.boe.ca.gov/info/VirtualSeminars/seminars_online.htm.

This online service is one of many offered by BOE including the ability to efile sales and use tax returns. For more information on all available BOE eservices go to www.boe.ca.gov/electsrv/eServices.htm.

Vice Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the 4th District Member of the BOE, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the BOE Legislative Committee chair. Horton is the first African American to serve on the BOE since its inception in 1879, and the third African American constitutional officer in California's history. Horton was appointed by the Governor and confirmed by both the Assembly and the Senate in 2009. Horton previously served as an Assembly member from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$53 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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